

The logo features a blue shield with a white graphic of stylized figures holding hands, forming a wave-like shape.

## National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 9-15, 2017

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 9–15, is dedicated to honoring telecommunications personnel in public safety for their critical service to the community. When disasters or personal crises strike, they provide a lifeline to help that can mean the difference between life and death.

Public safety telecommunicators are the ultimate first responders. They provide a voice of reason and comfort, as well as medical assistance while emergency providers are dispatched to help. Locally and nationwide, public safety telecommunicators are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide the first line of contact that initiates emergency medical response. Their commitment and hard work to ensure the health and safety of the citizens during their greatest time of need is commendable.

Join the Office of EMS in recognizing and thanking all of the public safety telecommunicators across Virginia for their dedicated and tireless service to their communities and the Commonwealth. Learn more about National Public Safety Telecommunicates Week at: <http://www.npstw.org/>.